

**HOMELESS YOUTH AND EXPLOITATION PROGRAM**  
**Component: 50.20.351, 40.20.351, 50.20.353, 40.20.353**

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

California Penal Code § 13837 authorized grants to child sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation counseling centers and prevention programs. The State Advisory Committee (SAC) on Sexual Assault Victim Services serves in an advisory capacity. Accordingly, in 1987, three projects were funded under the Child Sexual Exploitation Intervention Program (JX) Program. These projects were selected competitively and have received continuation funding since then. The projects are located in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Diego. In 1990, Santa Clara was authorized by the SAC to begin receiving funding the following year.

The legislation also required the addition of two JX Program projects in Santa Clara and San Diego Counties to be selected through a competitive process in 1992. However, state general funds for the JX Program were cut and a competitive process to add two additional projects did not happen.

Through a recommendation by the SAC, in 2002, the program components of the JX Program and the Homeless Youth Emergency Services Program (HY) were combined into one program: Homeless Youth and Exploitation Program (HX).

Pursuant to the 1986 Welfare and Institutions Code § 13703 and California Penal Code § 13837, the purpose of the Homeless Youth and Exploitation Program is to help homeless youth exit street life. A youth is considered homeless if he/she is under the age of 24 and does not have a permanent residence, and includes a youth who has runaway from home or has been pushed out of his/her home by parents or guardians, is living in shelters or other temporary housing arrangements, or is living on the streets. Additionally, the program provides specialized services for youth who are involved in sexual exploitative activities. A youth is sexually exploited if he/she has engaged in survival sex, and is a male or female up to age 18 who exchanges sexual favors for money or other payment to include trading sexual favors for shelter, clothing, or other goods and services. Also included is a youth involved in commercial exploitation such as stripping or pornography. Services provided under this program include: access to food; shelter; counseling; outreach services; referrals to other agencies; screening for basic health needs; and long-term stabilization planning.

Please note: During Fiscal Year 2008/09, this program received a State General Fund reduction of \$40,000.

**FUNDS AWARDED**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Types of Funding</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>
FY 2008/09	State Victim Witness Assistance (VWA) Fund FY 2008	\$ 721,500
	State General Fund FY 2008	\$ 356,000
FY 2009/10	State Victim Witness Assistance (VWA) Fund FY 2009	\$ 721,500
	State General Fund FY 2009	\$ 356,000
FY 2010/11		Unknown

## **2008/09 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS**

<u>4,921</u>	Outreach services provided.
<u>3,025</u>	Food provided.
<u>782</u>	Temporary safe shelter provided.
<u>1,679</u>	In person counseling sessions.
<u>987</u>	Group counseling sessions.
<u>983</u>	Basic health care provided.
<u>600</u>	Assistance in reunification.
<u>354</u>	Long-term stabilization planning provided.
<u>1,341</u>	Training on independent living skills and survival skills.
<u>989</u>	Referrals to other services offered by public and private agencies.
<u>545</u>	Follow-up support and referral services to child victims.

## **2009/10 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS**

Not Available

## **2010/11 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS**

Not Available